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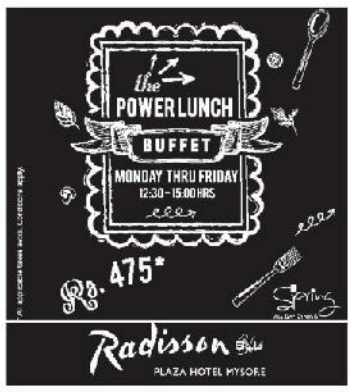

Mixed response
to farmers' bandh call in city

PIC. 1: ***Farmers blocking KSRTC buses from leaving the Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city this morning.*** *PIC. 2:* ***Business was as usual on Devaraja Urs Road after being closed for a few hours in the morning.*** *PIC. 3:* ***Some protestors were seen asking a shopkeeper in Devaraja Market to shut the shop and support their call for nationwide bandh.***

Mysuru, Dec.8 (RK,PM& SSV)- The 'Bharat Bandh' call given by various farmer organisations and trade unions urging the Union Government to repeal three farm laws has evoked mixed response in city this morning. While shops and business establishments in Central Business District (CBD) were closed till 12 noon, life was normal in extension areas.

However, the bandh passed off peacefully without any untoward incident, said a senior Police Officer. The Police had made elaborate security arrangements across the city by deploying additional Police force as a precautionary measure.

Since morning, farmers and trade union activists went around the main business areas of the city like K.R. Circle, D. Devaraja Urs Road, Ashoka Road, Gandhi Square, Makkaji Chowk and adjoining places appealing shopkeepers to extend their co-operation by closing down their business till 12 noon.

The splinter groups of agitators went on two-wheelers forcing the shopkeepers to down the shutters at least for some time. Farmers and trade union activists led by Hosakote Basavaraj and P. Mallesh marched on Ashoka Road and Devaraja Urs Road seeking closure of shops.

Around 7 am, a group of farmers staged dharna in front of the exit point of Sub-Urban Bus Stand which hit the KSRTC bus service to other cities for a few hours. The agitators raised slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Government for its anti-farmer policies.

While the city buses, autorickshaws and cabs were plying normally in extension areas, the same was not seen in CBD area due to protest rallies. Trucks were off the roads and APMC at Bandipalya and RMC were shut. Several shops which were opened inside Devaraja Market too were closed forcibly by farmers. Hotels, cinema halls and marriage halls were opened across the city.

(See BANDH on page 7)

Virtual Expo
Six-day MyBuild-20 begins online tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 8 (RKB&KS)- The six-day MyBuild-20 Exhibition, which was earlier being held in sprawling grounds in city, will be held virtually this time from tomorrow following COVID-19 pandemic.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, MyBuild-20 Chairman P. Puttaswamy said that the MyBuild-20, an exhibition of construction materials, interiors and lifestyles, the flagship event of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, will be held from Dec. 9 to 14. As there was restrictions on physical exhibition, the expo will be held virtually this year, which would be a new experience to the exhibitors as well as the visitors, he said.

FROM LEFT: ***MyBuild-20 Hon. Secretary Mahabaleshwara Bairy, MyBuild-20 Chairman P. Puttaswamy, BAI Mysuru Centre Chairman M. Rathnaraj and MyBuild Committee Hon. Secretary V. Nagaraj Bairy seen releasing the expo publicity poster during the press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning.***

The virtual expo will be inaugurated by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D. B. Natesh in the presence of Suresh Babu, Director of Karnataka State Highway Improvement Project at Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT) Auditorium premises in Vishweshwaranagar at 5 pm tomorrow.

The expo will be of immense benefit to architects, engineers, building contractors, manufacturers of construction materials and equipment, interior designers, property developers, civil engineering students, landscape designers and also to those, who are constructing or planning to construct their dream house.

Scan QR code above or log on to the website

(See EXPO on page 7)

GP polls

MyLAC bags
order for 99,000 vials of indelible ink

Mysuru, Dec. 8 (MTY&BCT)- City-based Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL), also known as MyLAC, has received orders from the State Election Commission for supply of 99,000 vials of indelible ink (5ml each) and 6,580 packets of sealing wax for the upcoming Gram Panchayat (GP) elections.

Addressing a press conference at his Office in Bannimantap this morning, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh said that the new order will generate a revenue of Rs. 1.15 crore. "We have supplied indelible ink for the recently held Bihar Assembly election and Lok Sabha by-elections in different States," he added.

(See MyLAC on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 8th December 2020

Pensioners Day on Dec. 17

- AGM of Railway Pensioners on Dec. 20
- Central Pensioners' AGM cancelled

Mysuru, Dec. 8 (KS) - Railway Pensioners Welfare Association will be celebrating Pensioners Day on Dec. 17 at 10.30 am at SC/ST Association auditorium on Seshadri Iyer Road in city.

Senior Divisional Personal Officer and Divisional Financial Manager will be the chief guest. Association President Parthasarathy will preside. Working President C.G. Krishna and General Secretary G.S. Swaminathan will address the gathering.

Staff of the Railway Pension Section, who have done outstanding service to pensioners will be felicitated on the occasion.

AGM on Dec. 20: The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Association will be held on Dec. 20 at 10 am at Sri Basaweshwara Kalyana Mantap at Vinayakanagar in city.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, thermal screening will be done and members are urged to compulsorily wear face mask and maintain social distancing.

Association President Parthasarathy will preside, General Secretary G.S. Swaminathan will present the annual report and Treasurer A. Dyavanna will present accounts and audit report for the year 2019-20, according to a press release.

Cancelled

Meanwhile, the Central Government Pensioners' Association (CGPA), Mysuru, has cancelled its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) in the wake of the pandemic, according to Association President Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Nearing the end of a year wrecked by the COVID pandemic, realisation would have dawned belatedly among policy-makers on the importance of public health. After the extensive blow dealt to the Indian economy it is no longer possible to regard health as a private problem. COVID's impact on GDP growth and the number of infections and deaths have left India among the worst affected countries in the world. India's public spending on healthcare is a mere 1.3% of GDP, barely up from 0.9% two decades ago. This is inadequate to sustain the edge against infectious diseases or the rising cost of treating non-communicable ailments. COVID has shattered the complacency stemming from decades of healthcare improvements. But getting a grip over the pandemic with vaccines, whose rollout has been crunched to less than a year owing to progress in genomics, shouldn't let down the guard. A few months of economic disruption was enough to set back India's $5 trillion economy dream by some years. More pandemics could be lurking and India cannot get caught napping a second time. It needs a robust public health system to tackle the disease burden and avert such radical measures like national lockdowns that put the economy in the ICU while vaccines undergo development, testing and manufacture. The National Health Policy 2017 promised to hike public spending on healthcare to 2.5% by 2025. Such a twofold increase in spending could facilitate interventions in multiple areas. Setting up Medical College Hospitals in backward districts addresses the twin goals of treatment facilities and producing more doctors and nurses for underserved areas. The need for more field workers who can serve as paramedics, nurses, phlebotomists, contact tracers, vaccinators, data entry operators, lab technicians etc., was exposed by COVID. The paucity of critical care infrastructure and adequate ICU beds was felt even in big cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Such investment across the healthcare spectrum promises better health outcomes and improved human productivity, besides creating jobs for young people in a slowdown. Sensible collective actions are needed now to overcome the shortsightedness in planning for pandemics. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Singapore citizen's praises on Parle-G earns him 'Hon. Indian' title

Singapore: Parle-G, a biscuit brand every Indian is familiar with found itself in the middle of a viral Reddit post when a citizen from Singapore showered praises on the biscuit with desi Reddit calling him 'Honorary Indian.'

The post was shared on the official sub-Reddit r/india, by a user named u/ZRudd97. It won nearly 7k likes and hundreds of comments and shares since the time it was put up. "I remember trying this in India while having tea with some friends and it's amazing. Found it in a local store here and bought like 10 packs of it. This is my all-time favourite from now on," the user wrote in his post.

Indian Reddit users couldn't help but share their love for the biscuit in the Reddit thread. Many explained to their foreign counterparts how Parle-G was simply the most affordable and yet a delicious biscuit.

Man reunited with wallet lost 54 years ago

Ontario: A man from Ontario in Canada, who had lost his wallet 54 years ago had the item returned to him after another man found it in an old couch.

Darcy Major, 86, of Port Dover, said his wallet went missing in 1966, and he never found out what happened to it until Christopher Camacho got in touch with his children.

Camacho found the wallet in an old couch and got Major's name from the documents inside, which included a driver's license, an old check and a dog license.

Camacho wrote in the Currently in Port Dover group on Facebook that he had fished the wallet out of an old couch and was trying to find its owner and commenters on the post helped Camacho get in touch with Major's children, who informed their father that his wallet was found.

HEALTH CAPSULE

High Blood Pressure is a "Silent Killer!". Have your BP checked regularly, For most adults, blood pressure should be below 140/90mm hg.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy – *Consultant Interventional Cardiology*

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	34
Total positive cases	:	51,079
Discharges yesterday	:	59
Total discharges	:	49,763
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,001
Total active cases	:	315

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	20
Total positive cases	:	18,869
Total discharges	:	18,376
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	346

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	7
Total positive cases	:	6,458
Total discharges	:	6,223
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	108

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	1
Total positive cases	:	5,380
Total discharges	:	5,227
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	85

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	43
Total positive cases	:	27,316
Total discharges	:	26,540
Total deaths	:	387
Total active cases	:	389

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher asked the students to tell the most common word used by students in a classroom.
Suddenly a student got up and said "can't sir"!
Brilliant! You are right, the teacher said !!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.82
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.45
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.10
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.39

VOICE OF THE READER

Life Certificate: Pensioners' woes

Sir,

Today I went to the Chamaraja Mohalla Branch of Canara Bank for submitting the form to give my Life Certificate. It was a harrowing experience for me which took more than half-an-hour wait to get it accepted.

I could also sympathise with the poor lady who was struggling, referring to her mobile and the machine repeatedly typing numbers from the form.

What it used to take barely a few minutes earlier has now turned out to be a nightmare for pensioners with elaborate form filling. The worst thing is about getting finger print which can never be successful as by age it has faded. Quite a few elderly women were waiting patiently.

One of the pensioners waiting for a long time said that in other banks this kind of check of finger print is not done. This elaborate form filling is perhaps evolved because of fraud. I do not see any logic when we give our Aadhaar card/PAN and our mobile number, it should be more than sufficient.

Hope the authorities will realise the problem of pensioners and take action to simplify the system.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram 7.12.2020

Power disruption on Dec. 9, 10

Mysuru, Dec. 8- As the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up the 3rd quarterly maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Dec. 9 and 10 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

KHB Power Distribution Centre: Vijayanagar 4th Stage, KHB Colony, Hootagalli, KRS Road, Aditya Layout, SRS Colony, Koorgalli, Belawadi, NHB Colony, Belawadi Industrial area, Basavanapura, Hootagalli Industrial area, Koorgalli Industrial area, Hinkal, Jattihundi and surrounding areas.

DMG Power Distribution Centre: DMG village, Kamarahalli, Manikyapura, Doddakattehundi, Mariyayanahundi, Shettinayakanahalli and surroundings.

FTS Power Distribution Centre: Ashoka Road, Lashkar Mohalla, Tilaknagar, Mission Hospital, Gandhi Square, Old Bank Road, KT Street, Irwin road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Pulakeshi Road, Kailasapuram, Mandi Mohalla, Shivarampet, KR Hospital, Boti Bazar, Dhavanthri Road, Veeranagere, Shivaji Road, St. Mary's Road, Gandhinagar, AJ Block, Ganeshnagar, Rajendranagar, Kesare 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Subhashnagar and NR Mohalla.

On Dec. 10: Gokulam 1st and 2nd Stages, Mahadeshwara Layout, Vijayanagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Hinkal, Yadavagiri, Manjunathapura, Mahajana Layout, Vontikoppal, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Jayalakshmipuram, CFTRI, DC's House, Nurse Quarters, Akashavani, ESI Hospital, Kalidasa Road, Yadavagiri Industrial areas, Vijayanagar Water Tank, Adipampa Road, MMC Ladies Hostel, Yoganarasimaswamy temple and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Lok Adalat on Dec.19

Mysuru, Dec. 8- As per the directions of Karnataka Legal Services Authority, the Mysuru District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) will be conducting a Lok Adalat in city and at all taluks of the district on Dec. 19.

There are a total of 1,07,694 cases pending in Courts, out of which 82,456 cases can be settled through mediation. The upcoming Lok Adalat on Dec. 19 is expected to take up 13,496 such cases.

The Lok Adalat provides a pre-litigative mechanism for conciliation and settlement of cases relating to public utilities, services like Transport and Postal. It is also a platform for settling Motor Vehicle Accident Claims and compensation, Compoundable criminal cases, Cheque bounce cases and family Court matters (except divorce).

There is no Court fee in Lok Adalat and the parties can take part directly. The DLSA has requested parties in the pre-litigative cases to take part in the Lok Adalat for resolution of disputes.

RBI Currency Paper Mill sponsors

Divya Jyothi's Hostel-cum-Training Centre

Mysuru, Dec. 8- Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru (RBI Currency Paper Mill), as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), had sponsored Rs. 50 lakh to Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust, Mysuru for the construction of the Hostel-cum-Training Centre for the Visually Challenged at its new campus in No. 2, 12th Cross, 8th Main, III Stage, Dattagalli.

The new building has now been completed with 4 floors with dormitories for visually challenged students, dining hall, computer lab, music room, VC room, Warden rooms, etc.

The ground floor and second floor of the new building sponsored by the Company was inaugurated by Tripti Patra Ghosh, Chairperson, Bank Note Paper Mill and by K.G. Viswanathan, Managing Director, Bank Note Paper Mill on Nov.23. Also present were Dharani Kumara, General Manager, BNPM and Ananta Hegde, General Manager, BNPM along with M.A. Shivaprakash, Founder-cum-Managing Trustee and other Trustees from Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust, Mysuru.

The Trust has been working for people with disabilities in general and visually impaired in particular since 2010. Divya Jyothi provides the following facilities: Computer training, Spoken English classes, Braille Library, Braille transcription and printing centre, Braille teaching classes, Cultural events, Placement services, Free pick & drop service, Hostel with food service.

Presently, the hostel has 35 visually challenged girl students from various backgrounds. Earlier, the Trust was running the training centre and hostel in two rented premises separate by about 16 kms in Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, Tripti Patra Ghosh expressed her happiness to be associated with this noble project of educating the visually challenged students, especially girl students as they would help the society get educated in the long run. She also appreciated the initiative of the Managing Trustee to provide facility for these students.

OBITUARY

Late Prof. C. VITTAL DAS

(14.03.1946 - 07.12.2020)

Ex-Principal

D. Banumaiah College of Arts and Commerce, Mysuru.

We regret very much to inform that Prof. Sri C. Vittal Das has attained his abode on 7th December 2020 Morning.

He was a very popular and a friendly Economics Professor in his career with all his colleagues and students during his tenure.

He was very much religious and was a learned scholar in Economics & Astrology.

He leaves a son, daughter-in-law, grandchild, sisters, brothers and a host of relatives.

The days you spent with us are incredible, the life you lived and the morals you showed will always stay in our hearts.

Deeply mourned by: Family Members, Relatives & Friends.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cent percent results in D.El.Ed exams

Farooqia D.Ed College for Women, Mysuru, has secured cent percent results in the Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El. Ed.) second year exams held in October. Out of 22 candidates, who appeared for the second year exams, 19 secured distinction while three passed in first class. Remi Jacquelin secured first place (90.50%) and Bi.Bi. Ayesha secured second place (89.43%). In the first year exams, out of 16 students, six secured distinction and nine passed in first class, according to Principal A.K. Umme Reshma.

Annual General Body Meetings

The Annual General Body meeting (AGM) of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, will be held at the Samaja premises in Vijayanagar on Dec. 20 at 10 am. COVID-19 protocol should be adhered to by the members. Samaja President Kekada M. Belliappa will preside, according to a press release from Samaja Hon. Secretary Malachira M. Ponnappa.

The AGM of Sri Vagdevi Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd. will take place at Aradhya Mahasabha on JLB Road at 11 am on Dec. 18. Society President H.N. Naveen will chair the meeting. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2439985 or Mob: 86606-33116.

Elected

Following have been elected unopposed as Directors of Sri Chamundeshwari Multi-purpose Co-operative Society Ltd., Hinkal, in the election held recently: N. Rajkumar, S. Kumar, S.R. Srinivas, L. Harish, R. Mahadev, Ganesh, B.A. Prasanna (all from general seats), D. Pushpalatha and H.V. Pushpa Raj (women reserved), B.K. Manjunath (BC-A reserved), Gopal (BC-B reserved), H. Jayaram (SC reserved) and S. Rani (ST reserved).

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	120.00 ft
Yesterday	120.08 ft
Inflow	4,007 cusecs
Outflow	5,000 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.42 ft
Inflow	492 cusecs
Outflow	1,950 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,831.98 ft
Inflow	221 cusecs
Outflow	770 cusecs

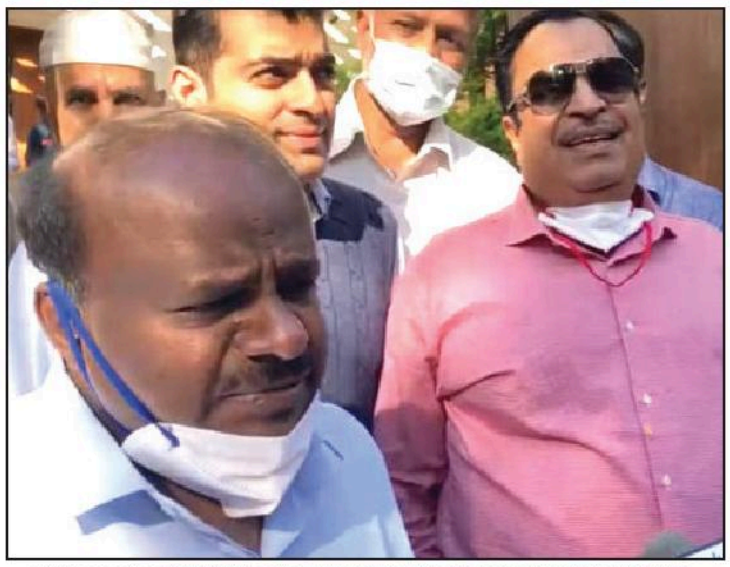
Miffed Cong. MLC Ibrahim to join JD(S) soon?

Former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy calls on Ibrahim at the latter's house

Bengaluru, Dec. 8 (SSV)- Eyebrows are raised over the meeting of Congress MLC C.M. Ibrahim with former CM and senior JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru yesterday.

This has generated a lot of heat and dust in the State political circle whether Ibrahim will go back to JD(S) with which he had long time association and had become Union Civil Aviation Minister when H.D. Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister.

However, Ibrahim fell out and joined Congress and had unsuccessfully contested from Bhadravathi Assembly Constituency. Meanwhile, Ibrahim was reportedly sidelined in Congress due to rise of other Minority leaders in the party. It was an open secret that the relationship between Ibrahim and Opposition Leader in the State Legislative Assembly Siddharamaiah has soured of late and the duo had maintained distance.



A file photo of JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy with C.M. Ibrahim.

On Monday, Ramanagar MLA Kumaraswamy went to Ibrahim's house and reportedly extended invitation to return to JD(S).

Talking to media, Kumaraswamy said, "Ibrahim was with Deve Gowda before I entered politics. Although, he is in other political party now still he is like a senior member in our family. We are having a close relationship with him despite he quit our party in 2004."

Launching a tirade indirectly against Siddharamaiah, the JD(S) leader said, "I came here to discuss politics. Ibrahim is not only our good friend but a senior member of our family. Everyone knows how he is treated by Congress and used in the party. Ultimately what did he get? I have appealed him to return home to become active politically. Siddharamaiah has claimed that JD(S) had bagged 58 seats while he was in the party. But he has forgotten the fact that there were other tall leaders like P.G.R. Sindhia, M.P. Prakash and C.M. Ibrahim. I will challenge Siddharamaiah to come out of Congress and contest and let him win four to five seats. We are not the slaves of Siddharamaiah. Did he have any courtesy or culture."

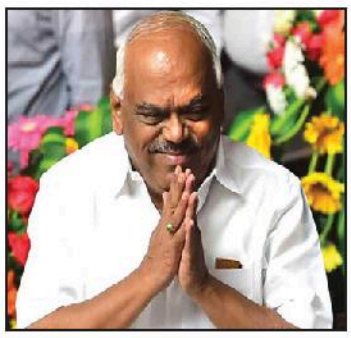
Without disclosing details of the meeting, Ibrahim said he would announce his decision on Dec. 15.

Former Speaker Ramesh Kumar announces political retirement

Kolar, Dec. 8 (SSV)- Former Speaker and Srinivasapur Congress MLA K.R. Ramesh Kumar has announced his political retirement and said he will not contest 2023 Assembly elections.

Addressing a meeting of Congress workers in connection with upcoming Gram Panchayat (GP) elections, he said: "politics is totally polluted in the State with no values. I have lived truthfully in politics all these years. I have not done politics with others money. Some Legislators sold themselves and went to BJP. They cheated party from which they had got elected. Political immorality is happening just for the sake of power."

Trading charges against BJP, Ramesh Kumar said development has come to a grinding halt after the BJP Government came to power in the State. While senior citizens were not getting old age pension, quantity of rice has been cut in 'Anna Bhagya' scheme, no new single house has been built in the last one year, bills of contractors who built houses have not been cleared and not an inch of work of the much-awaited Yettinahole Drinking Water Project has progressed so far.



K.R. Ramesh Kumar

The former Minister said that the Congress party was in difficult situation in country and none should betray party at this juncture. Party and leaders would be finished if party workers have differences of opinion. Workers should not join hands with their rival parties just for the sake of money and power, and work against Congress in the coming GP polls. As far as possible they should bury small differences and work for the party victory, he added.

He said, he had never participated in GP poll preparations in his lifetime. But now he was forced to actively participate in the changed political scenario. Congress must win election and come to power to give back to society. For this reason, he was actively working for the upcoming GP polls. "I will talk straight because I have not taken money from anyone. This behaviour of mine has angered my political opponents. Let them oppose me. I am not bothered. I will bow my head only before my voters."

The former Speaker said that the elected representatives of the district were not showing interest to put pressure on the Chief Minister and the officials to fill up all tanks from the KC Valley. The inflow of water into these tanks was not as much as they had expected, he added.

Discussion on 'One Nation-One Election' at Vidhana Soudha on Dec. 14, 15

Bengaluru, Dec. 8 (KMS& SSV)- A two-day special discussion will be held at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Dec. 14 and 15 on the topic 'One Nation - One Election' which is mooted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a news conference, State Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri has asked members to discipline themselves due to COVID-19. "Everyone was aware that second wave of Corona has begun and they need to wear mask, use hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing. Asymptomatic members could get RT-PCR test conducted in the Banquet Hall. Treatment would be given, if necessary," he added.

Kageri said that the CM, Leaders of Opposition in both the Houses and members would participate and deliberate on the topic on both days.

Obituary

Mukhtar Ahmed

Mysuru, Dec. 8 - Mukhtar Ahmed (Choudry), Proprietor of Royal Cars at Tilaknagar and a resident of Akbar Road Cross, behind Masjid-e-Cutchi Memon, passed away yesterday following brief illness. He was 63.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was offered at Masjid-e-Baghban on Akbar Road this morning followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Puttaraje Urs

Kollegal: Puttaraje Urs (61), an ex-Serviceman and a resident of Kunthur, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Mani, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed today at Kunthur.

Madikeri Kodava Samaja President inspects Kodava Heritage Centre

Madikeri Kodava Samaja President K. S. Devaiah and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa - General K.S. Thimayya Forum Convenor Col. K.C. Subbaiah, who visited the Kodava Heritage Centre site on Monday, seen interacting with the contractor on the progress of works.

Madikeri, Dec.8 (PS&DM)- With the works on Kodava Heritage Centre near Vidyanagar on the outskirts of Madikeri having resumed recently, Madikeri Kodava Samaja President Konganda S. Devaiah and Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa - General K.S. Thimayya Forum Convenor Col. Kandrathanda C. Subbaiah visited the site on Monday and inspected the ongoing works.

The two received inputs on the design of structures coming up at the site, the architectural outlook of *Ainmane* and the nature of works in progress.

The contractor said that the works have been taken up at a cost of Rs.1.56 crore and the collapsed walls of structures are being rebuilt.

Pointing out that red stone pillars, which do not have the capacity to bear the roof load are being replaced with concrete pillars following directions from the PWD, the contractor said the roof for *Ainmane* is being designed with the concept of *Mundmane*. Also the repair works of steps leading to the overhead tank is underway and a View Point is being built atop the water tank. The View Point will have iron canopy instead of jungle wood roof-cover as it was found that the iron cover was better considering the geographical location of the site.

Continuing, the contractor said that the Heritage Centre will have two *Ainmanes*, with the first one being built now and the other later. The PWD has give nine months time to complete the works, the contractor said and added that he was hopeful of completing the works by March 2021 itself.

After receiving inputs from the contractor K.S. Devaiah and Col. Subbaiah went through the blueprint of the project and took note of the roof design, amphitheatre, View Point, Mundmane, water pond and other features. Devaiah asked the contractor to build the structure strictly in accordance with the characteristics of Ainmane and to maintain quality in works.

Col. Subbaiah asked the contractor to get a blueprint of the complete project from private agencies. Asking the contractor not to deviate from Kodava customs and traditions in the construction of structures, he said that the contractor too must have the self-satisfaction of having executed quality works.

Speaking to *Mysooru Mithra*, the sister publication of *Star of Mysore*, Col. Subbaiah said that he inspected the works and interacted with the contractor.

Noting that more inputs on the project will be sought from PWD and Tourism Department officials following which the project will be discussed in detail with Kodagu Deputy Commissioner (DC), he said that he will hold talks with Kodagu District In-charge Minister too later. Thereafter, the DC will be appealed to convene a meeting of officials of all concerned departments and efforts will be made to ensure that all works on Kodava Heritage Centre are wholly completed, he added.

War Memorial in Mysuru should not be termed as Martyrs' Memorial or National War Memorial: Ex-Servicemen caution

Mysuru, Dec. 8- The city-based **Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement (MEM)** held its bi-monthly meeting on Dec. 3 at Chamundeshwari Convention Hall, Bannur Road, Mysuru.

Air Veteran Mandetira N. Subramani, President of VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust, Mysuru, was the chief guest.

During the meeting, members unanimously elected Army veterans Prince Anthony, Shridhar and Maqsood Khan as President, General Secretary and Treasurer respectively besides electing other office-bearers and Committee Members.

Air Veteran and advocate M.N. Subramani was appointed as Honorary Legal Advisor while Veteran V. Mahesh was designated as Patron of MEM.

During the discussion on various agenda points, the members of MEM requested Subramani to explain the reason for delay in establishing the War Memorial in Mysuru despite a suitable plot measuring 40 x 40 feet was earmarked in the huge Public Park (previously a parade ground) adjacent to the Deputy Commissioner's Office which is right in front of NCC Group Headquarters, Mysuru, as suggested by him to the District Administration while he was the President of Air Force Friends Association, Mysore (AFFAM) two decades ago — that is during the year 2000, when Basavaraju was the Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru.

A group photo of the office-bearers and Committee Members of Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement.

The Veterans also requested Subramani to impress upon the District Administration to refer to the proposed War Memorial which would be established in Mysuru in due course as 'Mysuru War Memorial' and not as 'Martyrs Memorial' or 'National War Memorial' as suggested by an Army Veteran.

Addressing the members of MEM, who are mostly Army Veterans belonging to Junior Commissioned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks, Subramani reiterated that the War Memorial in Mysuru has to be referred to as 'Mysuru War Memorial' only as the historic city of Mysuru will be incomplete without an impressive War Memorial to pay rich tributes to the Armed Forces soldiers who achieved martyrdom in all the wars and war-like situations in the post and in future.

When an Ex-Serviceman suggested that the prominent roads, huge Circles and imposing Government buildings should be named after Armed Forces martyrs from their respective native district only, Subramani clarified that martyrs sacrificed their life for their country and not just for their native District. He gave the example of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle and Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road in Mysuru city and in many prominent cities of India.

He also made a mention of naming the imposing building which houses Sainik Aram Ghar and Office of Deputy Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement in Mysuru after martyr Sqn. Ldr. A.B. Devayya, MVC (posthumous).

MEM General Secretary Shridhar welcomed. Patron Mahesh and President Prince Anthony explained the aims and objectives of MEM. Treasurer Maqsood Khan proposed a vote of thanks.

NOTE: *Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement can be reached on Mob: 99808-92298.*

Traffic-free roads ideal for pre-wedding photoshoots

A couple posing for a photo during the pre-wedding photoshoot near Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, close to Mysore Palace, in city this morning.

Mysuru, Dec. 8 (LNY&BCT)- Pre-wedding photoshoots are quite a craze among new age couples. Donning different clothes and choosing exquisite locations, the shoots are laced with a lot of creativity. And most couples are smiles and mushy in such pre-wedding shoots — the friendship that gets forged with the bride and groom is unmistakably evident in every photoshoot.

Mysuru city surroundings, with its stunning landmarks, is now-a-days the best choice for couples for such shoots. While in a normal day there is heavy traffic on such roads and junctions, bandhs, with minimum or rather zero traffic, provide a good opportunity for pairs to shoot on the middle of the road, sitting on medians and cuddling together with beautiful landmarks as background.

Unaware or rather not bothered by the reason for the bandh, these couples get their photos shot by professional photographers. The photographers too like to go out of their way to make the couple feel relaxed and comfortable. The pair is drowned in their own world, preparing for a new life together.

Today's Bharat Bandh provided a perfect opportunity for a couple to shoot to their heart's content in and around Mysore Palace surroundings, Chamaraja Circle and Dodda Gadiyara premises. They began the shoot early in the morning and the shoot went on till about 10 am. Minimum traffic on the thoroughfares helped them have better views of landmarks.

Not only today, during the Karnataka Bandh called by pro-Kannada activists on Dec. 5, photoshoots were held near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in front of the Mysore Palace where a couple of pairs posed for photos. There was no one to ask them to pack up.

While shooting at the middle of city centre is not dangerous, such events if held on the city outskirts in water are fraught with danger like it happened to a couple from city who met watery grave in River Cauvery at Mudukuthore in T. Narasipur taluk of Mysuru district on Nov. 9.

The couple, Chandru (28) and Shashikala (20) was to get married on Nov. 22 and for the photoshoot, they ventured into the river in a coracle. During the shoot, when the couple was standing on top of the coracle for a photo, the coracle turned turtle and the couple drowned.

Designers' Expo begins

Krupa Sumanth of Impressionz is seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of the two-day Designers' Expo organised by Impressionz at The Qurom Hotel in city this morning as designers (from left) Shika, Indira, Archana, Shwetha and Jyothika look on. The expo is open today and tomorrow from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm.

Pregnant woman's ordeal

Baby dies after birth inside ambulance

Lack of proper facility forces tribal woman to go from one hospital to another

Kollegal, Dec. 8- Lack of proper facility at the Government Hospital forced a tribal woman to go from one hospital to another and later deliver a baby inside the ambulance on the way to a hospital in Mysuru resulting in the death of the baby.

The incident took place at about 2 am on Saturday. But District Surgeon Dr. Muralikrishna has stated that the baby had died in the womb itself and the woman's family members have alleged that lack of proper facility had led to the baby's death.

DETAILS

On Saturday, the pregnant woman, identified as Mahadevamma of Putteerammadoddi village in the forest border of Kollegal taluk, experienced labour pain and her husband Mahadev immediately rushed her to the nearby Kamanagere Primary Health Centre (PHC). Though this PHC is a 24X7 maternity hospital, there were no doctors and hence, the PHC's door was closed.

Not knowing what to do, the woman's family members rushed her to Kollegal Sub-Division Hospital, where the doctors, who examined her, reportedly did not admit her to the hospital but instead told her family members to take her to the District Hospital.

One again, the family members rushed the pregnant woman to the District Hospital and the doctors, who examined her told the family members to get a scan done outside and come back as there was no scanning facility at the Hospital at night.

Desperate to get the scanning done, the family members took the pregnant woman in an auto and roamed the town in search of a scanning centre but in vain and again returned to the District Hospital. The doctors told the woman's family members that there was no movement of the baby in the womb and it was necessary to get the scanning done, without which they could not treat the woman and advised them to take the woman to Mysuru as the Hospital's Radiologist would not come on Sunday.

The pregnant woman's husband said that he somehow managed to get an ambulance and had shifted his pregnant wife to Mysuru but she delivered a stillborn baby in the middle of the journey inside the ambulance. "Not knowing what to do, I brought my wife back to the District Hospital and admitted her," Mahadev added.

Doctor clarifies

"The baby had died in the womb before the woman came to the hospital. They refused to get the woman admitted to the Hospital and took her to Mysuru. If they had admitted her here, such incident would not have taken place. There are two Radiologists at the District Hospital and one of them is on maternity leave. Hence, one radiologist is working during day shift and there is a problem for scanning facility during night. Necessary steps would be taken to solve this problem."

—Dr. Muralikrishna
District Surgeon

If there was a Radiologist in the night at the District Hospital, the scanning would have been done and the doctors could have treated the woman after looking at the scanning report.

The 300-bed District Hospital should have seven Radiologists but the District Hospital has only two, that too one of them on leave, which is hampering the service. The Government should take serious note of this incident and take steps to appoint required number of Radiologists and prevent such incidents from taking place in future.

Obituary

G. Sanjeev Wesley

Mysuru, Dec. 8- G. Sanjeev Wesley (85), retired Assistant Commissioner of the Labour Department and a resident of Brindavan Extension here, passed away this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Service and interment will be held tomorrow at 11.30 am at St. Bartholomew's Cemetery on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, near St. Philomena's High School, according to sources.

Govt. appoints Administrative Officer for Panchagavi Mutt

Mysuru, Dec. 8- To safeguard Mutt properties from being sold, leased out or encroached, the State Government yesterday appointed Mysuru Assistant Commissioner as the Administrative Officer (AO) of Aramane Panchagavi Mutt. The Mutt is located at the foot of Chamundi Hill and has large swathes of green land as properties.

Following complaints that attempts are being made to misuse/ grab the Mutt's landed properties, the Revenue Department (Muzrai) issued an order appointing Mysuru Assistant Commissioner as the AO of the Mutt with immediate effect.

The order has been signed by H.L. Varalakshmi, Government Under Secretary, Revenue Department (Muzrai).

The AO has been asked to scrutinise the Mutt records and submit periodic reports on the status of all the Mutt's landed properties.

Following the order, Mysuru Assistant Commissioner Venkataraju is likely to take charge as the AO today.

The Government order comes after CM B.S. Yediyurappa, who had visited Mysuru about a fortnight ago. During the visit, the CM was apprised on the alleged misuse of the Mutt properties by some persons.

MyLAC bags order for 99,000 vials of indelible ink

MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh (centre) flanked by Managing Director Dr. Chandrashekar Doddamani and General Manager C. Harakumar during the press meet in city this morning.

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Phaneesh also said "Ballot marking pens were supplied recently for Council elections in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar. We have 90 permanent employees to produce the ink and due to the demand we have hired 50 more employees on contract basis."

For the year 2020-2021, MyLAC had set a target of Rs. 20 crore and of which, it has achieved Rs. 12.25 crore by the end of November this year. The previous year, the company has recorded a turnover of Rs. 21.52 crore and has earned a profit of Rs. 4.70 crore.

"The company has declared a dividend of 25 percent to its shareholders in 2019-2020 and will handover Rs. 23.68 lakh as a profit share of Karnataka Government. We have exported indelible ink to the tune of Rs. 2.17 crore and have allocated Rs. 20.57 lakh for activities under Corporate Social Responsibility," Phaneesh added.

1,457 vacant posts in UoM

Vacancies include 67 Professors, 82 Associate Professors and 218 Assistant Professors

Dr. Ashwathnarayan Sandesh Nagaraj B.Sriramulu

Bengaluru, Dec. 8 (KMS& BCT)- There are 1,457 vacant posts in the **University of Mysore (UoM)** and the vacancies have not been filled up due to financial restrictions imposed by the Government.

This was revealed to the Legislative Council yesterday by Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Deputy Chief Minister (Dy.CM). He was replying to a question raised by MLC Sandesh Nagaraj.

In his reply, the Minister stated that the posts of 67 Professors, 82 Associate Professors, 218 Assistant Professors, 82 Second Division Assistants (SDA), 243 technical posts and 765 non-teaching staff posts have been lying vacant since years and appointments have not been possible so far due to the financial restrictions imposed by the Government, he said.

Steps will be taken to fill up the vacancies only after the restrictions are removed, the Minister stated.

Sandesh Nagaraj urged the Minister to fill the vacancies and also utilise the grants provided by the Central Government. All steps must be taken to make the University gain fame globally, he opined.

Responding, the Minister said that in the last three years, Rs. 66 crore grant has been given by the Centre, University Grants Commission (UGC) and other institutions and of this, Rs. 53 crore has been spent judiciously on various schemes and programmes.

Tribal rights on forests

Replying to another issue raised in the Council by Sandesh Nagaraj, Social Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu said that till now, under tribal rights over forests rule 2006 and 2008, over 21,179 applications have been received in Chamarajanagar district and out of them, 2,079 applications have been addressed and title deeds have been issued to 3,365.90 acres. Other applications have been rejected and there are no pending applications.

In Mysuru district, under the rule and as per the rights of scheduled tribes, traditional forest dwellers and community rights holders, 7,275 applications have been received and of them, 760 applications have been addressed and title deeds for 8776.25 acres have been issued. 5,657 applications have been rejected and 858 applications are pending, he stated.

A process has been set in motion to re-examine rejected applications and to clear pending applications and Additional Chief Secretary of Social Welfare Department has conducted a meeting. Regarding the shifting and resettlement of tribals from Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, the Forest Department has been asked to implement the Muzaffar Assadi Committee recommendations based on the directive of Karnataka High Court.

The Department has been asked to implement the Committee recommendations with a fixed time frame. Even the Revenue Department has been asked to conduct joint surveys along with Forest Department to speedily address the issues raised in the applications, the Minister replied.

The Deputy Commissioners of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar have been directed to re-examine rejected applications and complete the process by Dec. 15, he added.

Mixed response to bandh

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Protest march

The activists gathered at Dufferin Clock Tower from where they marched up to the Deputy Commissioner's Office.

Addressing the gathering, Devanur Mahadev, a noted Kannada littérateur, slammed the BJP-led NDA Government for its anti-farmer laws despite knowing the fact that agriculture was the State subject. Unfortunately, no State had the guts to question Modi for transgressing its power. The Government of India was virtually controlling all the States after the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST). In post-GST era, the States were at the mercy of the Union Government, he added.

He also took the Central Government to task for using force such as lathis, teargas, water cannons and digging up roads to prevent farmers from reaching New Delhi. It was unbecoming on the part of the PM to deal in such a way with farmers. Instead of taking farmers into confidence, Modi was in confrontation with them which was not a good sign. The people would give a fitting reply to Modi in the coming elections, he added.

The protest was led by Hosakote Basavaraj, Prasanna Gowda, Ugranarasimha Gowda, Chandrashekar Meti, H.R.Seshadri and others.

Meanwhile, members of Samuhika Nayakathwa Raitha Sangha and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) took out a protest rally from Gun House Circle up to the DC's office. The rally was led by AAP District President Malavika Gubbivani and Samuhika Raitha Sangha District President Vidyasagar D. Ramegowda.

Tyres burnt

The Congress activists, led by K.S.Shivaram, President, Karnataka State Backward Classes Welfare Forum, burnt tyres on Ooty Road. Hundreds of vehicles were lined up on both the directions.

At Bengaluru

In Bengaluru, various organisations took out a protest rally near Town Hall and Freedom Park. KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shanthakumar, Raitha Sangha President Kodihalli Chandrashekar and others led the protest. The Police had placed barricades near Freedom Park to prevent the agitators from going towards Vidhana Soudha since the joint session of the State Legislature was going on.

MyBuild-20 Virtual Expo

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Continuing, Puttaswamy said that those who wish to visit the expo virtually can do so by scanning the QR code or give a missed call to Mob: 79491-30435 to get website link or log on to ***www.mybuildvirtual.com***

The valedictory of the virtual expo will be held on Dec. 14 at 5 pm. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha will be the chief guest.

BAI Mysuru Centre Chairman M. Rathnaraj, MyBuild-20 Hon. Secretary Mahabaleshwara Bairy, MyBuild Committee Hon. Secretary V. Nagaraj Bairy and Committee Treasurer Lokesh were present at the press meet.

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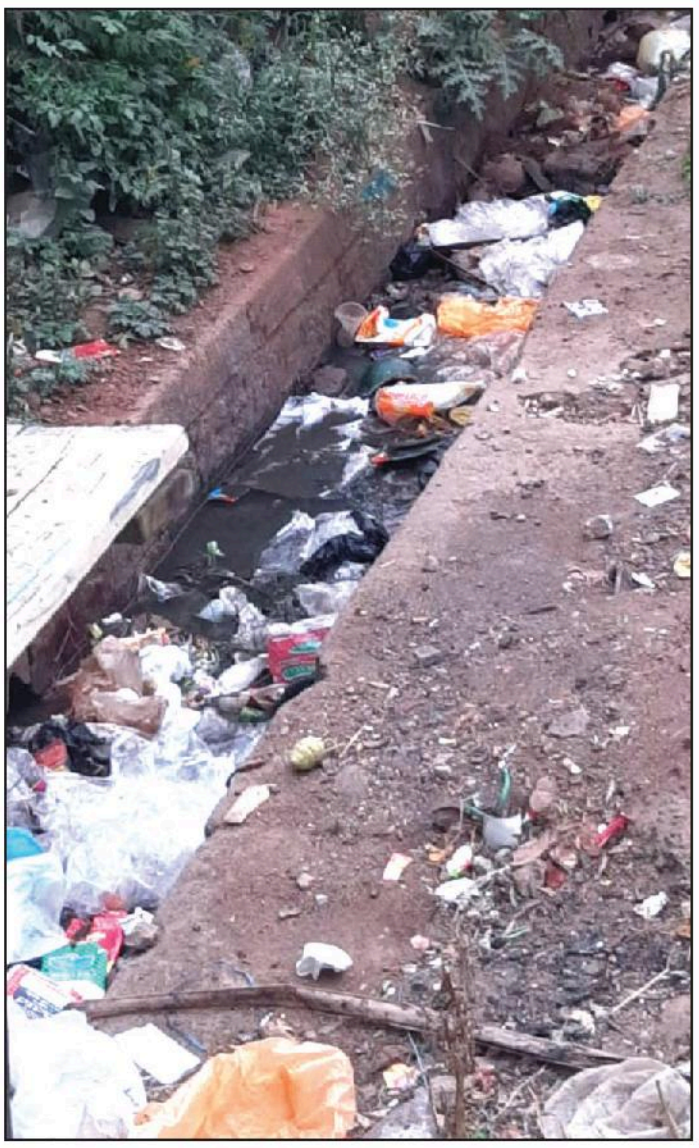
Plea to clear garbage dumped in drain at Kalyangiri



Empty plastic covers, waste papers and other garbage dumped inside a drain on the 3rd Cross near KSCB Colony in Kalyangiri Nagar is hindering the smooth flow of sewage water which has become stagnant and emanating foul smell. Residents alleged that there has been an increase in mosquitoes in the surroundings as the stagnant sewage water had become a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

Garbage dumped at Bannimantap 'C' Layout needs to be cleared

Garbage such as packing boxes and other materials dumped at the entrance of Bannimantap 'C' Layout near Prestige Function Hall is not cleared and has become an eyesore in the locality. Residents alleged that garbage is being regularly dumped at the spot which remains uncleared for many days despite lodging complaints and have urged the authorities concerned to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Bus shelters in shambles

Non-maintenance of bus shelters rendering them useless to commuters

Mysuru, Dec. 8 (YDS&KS)- Lakhs of tax-payers' money spent on construction of bus shelters at various places by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is going for a waste as these bus shelters are not being maintained and are now in dilapidated condition forcing bus commuters to wait for buses by standing under rain and sun.

Many bus shelters in the city are in bad shapes and filled with muck, cow dung and walls adorned with graffiti. They have been turned non-functional and their benches are all corroded or broken. Also, a few buses stop at make-shift stops or on the middle of the road.

Though commuters pay taxes like everyone else and deserve basic infrastructure, they are always at risk of getting caught in rain or dealing with blistering heat and freezing cold as many bus shelters have been rendered useless.

The bus shelter near Dattagalli Ring Road is ruined, another bus shelter opposite a milk booth at Ballal Circle and one more at Kanakadasanagar 3rd Stage are a few examples of bus shelters not being maintained and rendered useless now.

No bus shelters where buses regularly ply

Bus commuters said that there are no bus shelters at Bogadi Junction, True Value car showroom, Shankarnag Circle (near All India Institute of Speech and Hearing), Manasagangothri Guest House, Metropole Hotel Circle and other bus stops, where there are many bus commuters and added that there are no bus shelters on opposite sides at many places, forcing bus commuters to stand in sun.

Bus shelters constructed where buses do not ply

Ironically, there are a few bus shelters constructed on routes where buses do not ply. Mahesh, a resident of J.P. Nagar said that a hi-tech bus shelter was constructed by the MCC near a private hospital on Akkamahadevi Road in J.P. Nagar and added that the road has not seen a single bus till date. "This is a waste of taxpayers' money," he said.

Though there is a bus shelter at J.P. Nagar last bus stop, it is rendered useless to commuters as the place in front of the bus shelter has turned into a commercial place with vendors selling vegetables on push carts.

Ramesh and Santosh, regular bus commuters said that buses coming from Ballal Circle side and from Kuvempunagar, Sharadadevi Nagar stop opposite to Shyam Studio at K.G. Koppal. Though there is a bus shelter just a few feet away, buses do not stop at the shelter hence bus commuters do not use this bus shelter but stand waiting for buses near Shyam Studio.

A majority of bus shelters do not have bus bays. Buses stand right on the middle of the road, blocking traffic and endangering the lives of the people, especially in crowded places. Many bus shelters on arterial roads are used by street vendors after regular hours for sleeping.

Ideally, bus stops are meant for the ease and comfort for commuters. Here, they are inconvenient and at the same time increases the risk of road accidents as commuters are forced to stand on the roads due to the pathetic state of some of the shelters.

From their location to lack of necessary information, complaints about bus shelters in the city are endless. Intelligent Transport Solution (ITS) which provides bus numbers and their time of arrival are not displayed at many bus shelters, commuters say bus shelters have simply not been able to keep pace with the times.

The lack of proper information at bus shelters has been a long standing problem. Commuters complain that they do not perform even basic functions resulting in drivers ignoring them and stopping buses at random.

"The location of bus shelters in several places is not right and is leading to traffic jams. As many are in a dilapidated condition, we are forced to stand on the road, a little away from the pavement, and flag down passing buses," a bus commuter said.

The public have urged the authorities concerned to construct bus shelters only where buses stop and also take steps for their periodical maintenance and stop wasting tax-payers' money.

Major Temple Fairs sans Devotees

Mysuru, Dec. 8 (BCT)- The COVID-19 pandemic in Mysuru district has pushed all festivals and temple fairs in the slow lane. If the pandemic had not hit so badly, these fairs would attract lakhs of devotees who used to take part in the festivities with enthusiasm.

The mandatory adherence to protocols like social distancing, wearing of masks and the ban on touching the idols, entering the sanctum sanctorum of the temples, distribution of *prasada* and striking the bells have also dampened the enthusiasm of pilgrims. Bound by the responsibility of controlling the pandemic, the Mysuru District Administration too has imposed restrictions on popular fairs including Siddalingapura Subramanya Shashti Jatra, Beladakuppe Sri Mahadeshwaraswamy Jatra and the famous Panchalinga Darshana Mahotsava at Talakad in Mysuru taluk.

Talakad Panchalinga Darshana Mahotsava from Dec. 10 to Dec. 19

The Panchalinga Darshana Mahotsava at Talakad too will be celebrated in a low-key manner. As per the order issued by the Mysuru DC, there will be entry of a maximum of 1,000 people per day and 1,500 persons on the special day Dec. 14 as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for COVID-19 in Karnataka.

The last Panchalinga Darshana Mahotsava was held in 2013. Panchalinga Darshana entails a visit to the five major Shiva temples located in and around Talakad on a single day. The deities worshipped are Sri Vaidyanatheshwara, Sri Maruleshwara, Mudukuthore Sri Mallikarjunaswamy, Sri Pathaleshwara and Sri Arakeshwara.

The TAC, which met recently in Bengaluru to discuss the arrangements for the event, recommended live proceedings of the main events. It said the events should be held in a simple manner and broadcast virtually, apart from live telecast on TV. These measures will help contain the spread of virus, the Committee opined.

The Committee has recommended that the event must be restricted to the people of T. Narasipur taluk and local population and people from outside must not be allowed. Even here, measures like wearing of masks, thermal screening, checking for symptoms and physical distancing must be maintained, said the TAC in its observation.

Also, social distancing markings on the floor must be ensured along with availability of liquid soap and sanitisers. Even to control limited crowd, marshals and Police must be deployed, the panel said. Facilities for isolation and testing, presence of ambulance for shifting those testing positive or with symptoms, have been re-commended by the TAC.

CHIEF MINSTER INVITED: ***Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, who met Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in Bengaluru yesterday, on behalf of the District Administration, extended invitation for 'Panchalinga Darshana' to be held at Talakad on Dec. 14. Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri is also seen.***

Panchalinga Darshana is among most popular religious festivals held in Mysuru where devotees from across the country crowd temples, some of which are covered in the sand for rest of the year.

The festival usually is held for 10 days and this year, the Darshana is set to commence from Dec. 10. As per the schedule released by the temple management, the main event of Panchalinga Darshana will be on Dec. 14 from 7.30 am. There will be Brahmarathotsava on Dec. 15, Shanyanotsava and Ashwarohana on Dec. 16 and Nandi Vahanotsava on Dec. 19.

Beladakuppe Mahadeshwara Temple Jatra from Dec. 13 to Dec.16

The Beladakuppe Mahadeshwara Temple Jatra inside the core area of Bandipur Tiger Reserve too will remain out of bounds to a large number of devotees as entry has been restricted owing to the pandemic. Public entry has been restricted by the Mysuru DC from Dec. 13 to Dec. 16.

However, the temple priests and the temple committee members have been permitted to conduct rituals within the inner precincts of the temple.

The temple is located inside the Hediyala range (Saragur taluk) of the Tiger Reserve and every year thousands of people attend the temple fair from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts. As per the restraint order issued by the Mysuru DC, the festival is usually held in Karthika month and people come here in hundreds of bullock carts. They usually camp inside the temple for the entire duration of the festival and cook meals inside the core forest area. Last year, over 1,200 bullock carts had arrived at the venue along with hundreds of other vehicles. This year, however, considering the pandemic, disturbance to the wildlife and also to ensure safety of devotees from wild animals, the Forest Department had made a strong case to prevent people from entering the Tiger Reserve. Every year, the Forest Department has a hard task to balance religious sentiments of the people while trying to ensure that the disturbance to the forest is minimised.

Considering the feedback from the Department, the DC has restricted entry of devotees on all four days of the festival. However, there is no bar for the priests, temple management committee and temple staff to conduct the rituals in a traditional way.

Siddalingapura Subramanya Shashti Jatra on Dec. 20

Thousands of devotees usually throng Subramanya Swamy Temple at Siddalingapura on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway to pay their obeisance to the deity on account of Subramanya Shashti Jatra. This year, entry of devotees/ public has been banned by the Mysuru DC for the Jatra to be held on Dec. 20.

However, the Jatra programmes will be held within the Temple premises in a simple, traditional and safe manner, following the Government guidelines.

The restrictions have been imposed by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri with powers vested with her under Karnataka Epidemic Diseases COVID-19 Regulations 2020 - Rule 12 and Disaster Management Act 2005 - Column 12 and Column 30 (2) & 34.

WORD OF THE DAY

Brainiac

Pronunciation: BRAY-nee-ak.

Meaning: A very intelligent person.
Origin: As Superman fans know, Brainiac was the superintelligent villain in the Action Comics series and its spin-offs. His name is a portmanteau of brain and maniac. (For those who believe it comes from a 1950s "computer kit," fly here, but come back.) You don't need x-ray vision to see the connection here—etymologists think Superman's brainy adversary is the likely inspiration for the common noun brainiac. The term was not coined right away though. The comic-book series was launched in 1938 and the character Brainiac debuted in 1956, but current evidence doesn't show general use of brainiac to refer to a superintelligent person until the 1970s.
Example: "Our goal is to broaden the appeal of STEM tourism making it accessible to all—as in, you don't have to be a brainiac to enjoy it." — Michael Novakovich, quoted in The Tri-City Herald (Kennewick, Washington), 26 Dec. 2019

THE ODD WORD

Baisemain

Kiss on the hand.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A man after my own heart

Meaning: A kindred spirit - someone I can agree with.
Origin: The term originates from the Bible (King James Version):
Samuel 13:14: But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.
Acts 13:22: And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

QUOTE BOX

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. **—Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

NURSE®

Answer: Registered nurse.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	9	8	2	4	6	5	3	7
6	7	2	3	5	1	8	9	4
3	4	5	9	8	7	6	1	2
9	5	6	4	7	2	1	5	3
2	3	4	1	6	8	7	5	9
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Forewarning
5 Lay ___ : expose all, in a way?
9 Electronic Library Sys.
12 Fermented juice of grapes
13 Musical composition; work
14 An alcoholic or a dipsomaniac
15 Engrave
16 Third order
18 Severe
20 Musical piece
21 Dr. C. V.___ : India's famous scientist?
22 Have being
23 Third party program for a smartphone
24 Revered figure
27 Management degrees
31 Shade, tint
32 Tiny openings
34 Greek capital to Air India
35 Language similar to Hindi
37 Attaches by stitches
38 Railway Transport Officer
39 Engage in espionage
41 Flowed away
43 Imitative; tending to copy
46 Small islands
47 French word for 40
50 Legal doings
52 Of last month, in short, in correspondence
53 Flank
54 Goes to law
55 __carte
56 Make less painful
57 Spreads out for drying

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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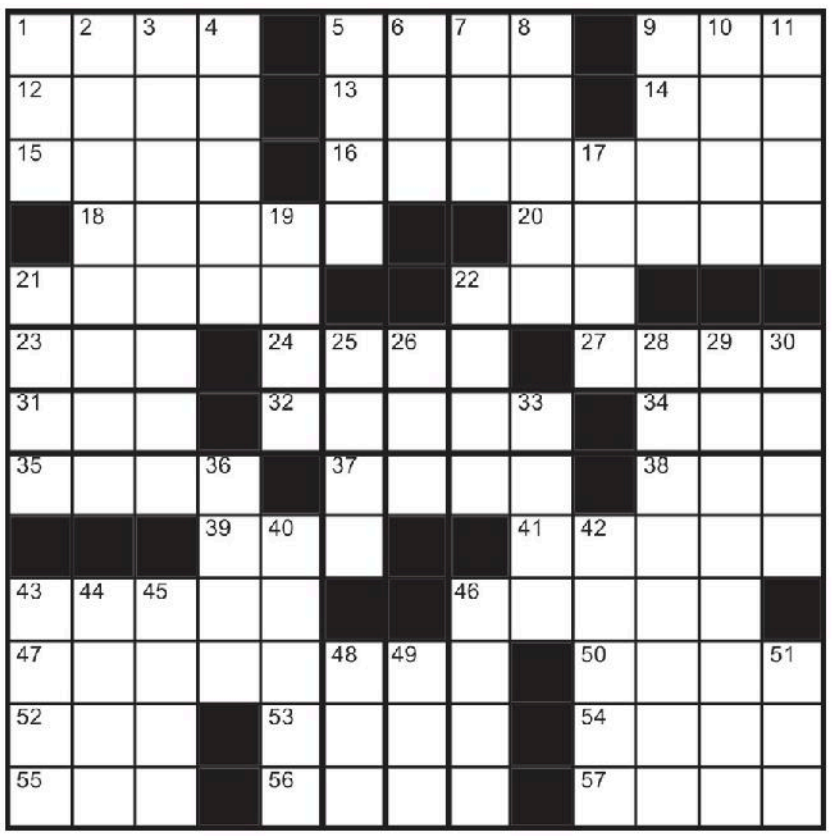
1 Be indebted to
2 City in Saurashtra
3 Settled in military barracks
4 India paceman Ashish ___
5 Together as a pair?
6 Primate
7 Drama by Karel Capek, which introduced robots
8 Organic compound
9 Rebekah's son
10 He is a titled person
11 Eye infection
17 Entry in a list
19 Just a little bit
21 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
22 Afresh or again
25 Snug and warm
26 Metal in its natural state
28 Outdoor meal
29 Bore witness
30 Equipped with footwear
33 Nav. readings
36 Now CIS
40 Condition, level or stage
42 At full ___ : at full speed or capacity?
43 Water in Latin
44 Tug
45 Intl. Air Transp. Assoc.
46 Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
48 Network Interface Adapter in short
49 Tax deducted at source, in short
51 Donkey



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZVDVP HIIB TICZ IZ YZSRITS QZHVNN

SIQ'PV MVHLXZE MXU QL

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Tomorrow lurks in us, the latency to be all that was not achieved before.

Bala Devi becomes first Indian woman footballer to score in Europe

Glasgow, Dec. 8- Bala Devi created history by becoming the first Indian woman to score in a professional European football league, when she scored against Motherwell for Rangers FC, on Sunday.

Rangers won the match 9-0, with the attacker also helping her side win a penalty. The forward joined the Scottish club in January 2020, and became the first Indian woman to sign a professional football contract overseas. The club posted few of her match photos on Twitter, also hailing the achievement.

In the 85th minute, she was on the receiving end of a through ball from midfield. She latched on to it, and sent it low into the net to add her name on the scoresheet.

Earlier on the 68th minute, she also was taken down in the box after coming on as a substitute. Rangers were awarded a penalty, which Daina Bourma converted with ease.

Also, Kirstry Howat and Lizzie Arnot scored a hat-trick each for Rangers, while Megan Bell and Bourma were also on target.

Prior to her arrival to Scotland, Bala Devi hit the limelight in 2019, when she scored 26 goals in seven fixtures for Manipur Police in the Indian Women's League (IWL). A senior figure in the Indian women's national team, she has won three SAFF Championship trophies (2010, 2014 and 2016). She has also served as captain in the past for the national team.

She also received the AIFF Women's Player of the Year award in 2014 and 2015.

Indian woman footballer Bala Devi scores her goal past the Motherwell goalkeeper on Sunday.

Police XI wins friendly cricket match against Journalists XI

Mysuru, Dec. 8- The City Police team defeated Journalists XI by 33 runs in a 10-over a side friendly cricket match that took place at the Police Firing Range at the foot of Chamundi Hill here Sunday.

Batting first after winning the toss, the City Police team, led by NR Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar, scored 82 runs in the allotted 10 overs, with KR Police Inspector Srinivas top scoring with 26 runs, followed by Constable Shashikumar with 20 runs and Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta with 19 runs.

The Journalists XI, led by Ram of *TV9*, which began its chase of 83 runs target, started woefully losing 5 wickets in quick succession with just seven runs on the scoreboard.

However, Mohan Kayaka (MK) of *Mysuru Mithra*, who came to the crease as a middle order batsman, did some lusty hitting scoring 15 runs including a six and a four. But the failure of other batsmen saw the team bundled out for a paltry 49 runs, thus losing the match by 33 runs. For the Police team, Constable Shashikumar was the most successful bowler with 4 wickets.

Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta was adjudged 'The Best Batsman' and Constable Shashikumar 'The Best Bowler.'

Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar (RK), City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda gave away prizes to best performers. MDJA General Secretary M. Subramanya, City Secretary Rangaswamy (Ranganna) and others were present during the occasion.

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NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Nerijus Valskis bags a brace as Jamshedpur beat ATKMB

Today's Match (Dec. 8)

BENGALURU FC
Vs
NORTHEAST UNITED
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Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 9)

MUMBAI CITY
Vs
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Yesterday's Result

JAMSHEDPUR - 2
beat
ATK MOHUN BAGAN - 1

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Tiri (ATKMB) and Nerijus Valskis (Jamshedpur FC) in a tussle.

Vasco, Dec. 8- Jamshedpur FC picked up their first win of the season in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after beating ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) 2-1 at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday.

Nerijus Valskis scored once in each half, while Roy Krishna netted ATKMB's only goal of the night.

AWARDS

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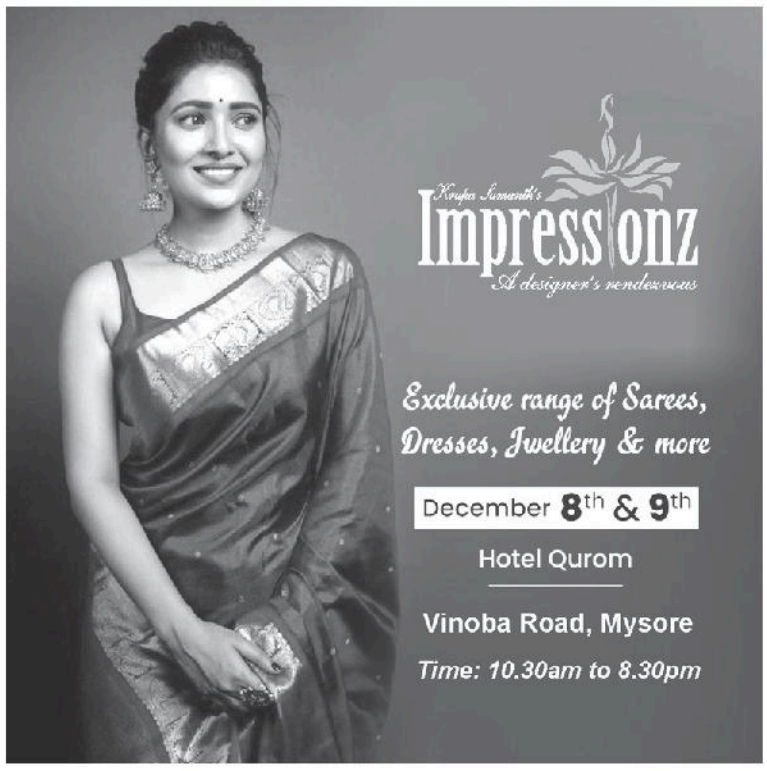

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The 66th Annual General Body Meeting of The Mysore & Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central Bank Ltd., Mysore is scheduled to be held on **23rd December 2020 i.e., on Wednesday at 11.00 A.M.** under the chairmanship of Hon'ble President of our Bank **Sri. G.D. Harish at Mysore & Chamarajanagar District Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., Head Office, Nehru Circle, Ashoka Road, Mysore.**

We have already sent the invitation by post within the specified date. Incase if the same is not received for whatsoever reasons, the members are requested to consider this as our invitation and do login after 11.00 A.M. and participate in the Virtual / Video Conference and oblige. Further, the members are requested to submit their mobile Nos. to Head Office, Mysore within 16.12.2020 before 2.30 P.M. **(For enquiry please contact: 0821 - 2520836).**

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